

**WESTLAKE/PRAIRIEVIEW
Neighborhood Planning Council #10
Draft Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2010**

Call to Order & Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koteles. The invocation was lead by Cecil Salinas.

Attendance:

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Koteles, Mary Lou Ramon, Cecil Salinas, Mary Lyn Smith, Danyelle Bradshaw, Linda Patenaude, Gary Dodd, Melinda Adams, Karol Henegar, Diana Cole, and Dave Weaver.
(11 Members Present)

Excused: Mike Troutman, Rita Grandgenett, Opal Bell, Neils Magnusson, Julie Davis, Dwight Grandgenett, Cal Canfield, Steve Barker, Joe Ratti, Joanne Novelli, Tom Cramutolo, Joyce Garrett, Teri Walbeck, Kathy Barker, Jim Walbeck, Gary Blagg, Pete Francisco, Nancy Slocum, and David Wood.

Special Guests Present: Commissioner Diane Thompson, Kevin Smith, Jeremy Andrews and J.J. Ramon
(3 Guests Present)

Non-Members Present: Marcie Gillette Manager of Neighborhood Services and Officer Walters BCPD.
(2 City Staff Member Present)

Grand Total Present: 16 Members, Guests & Staff Present

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

It was moved by Linda Patenaude, supported by Cecil Salinas and carried to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting of this council.

Police Reports:

Officer Walters gave a brief overview of the crime states between October 25th and November 22, 2010. The recent B & E's on the lake side of Columbia Avenue were discussed. It was determined that in many cases the owners were home; that these were juveniles who lived in the area and were skipping school to do this; it wasn't known if this was gang initiation related; and that they were caught. Vandalism of Christmas displays in the higher numbered streets was discussed and the ways to deter it were covered. It was noted by the officer that this is a hard one to punish because of there being no witness at the time of these crimes.

Correspondence, Announcements & Public Service Announcements from Commissioners:

Commissioner Thompson updated the council on what the commission was currently working on. Specifically the Medical Marijuana issue.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership: Mary Lou Ramon stated that there was nothing new to report.

Beautiful BC Award: Mary Lou Ramon stated that we are good for a few months with the already provided addresses. December's award went to 44 East Hazelwood Court.

CDAC: Linda Patenaude stated that CDAC had held its orientation meeting and received the list of eight entities which had applied for grant funding, which was down from last year. Their next meeting would be held December 4th on the second floor of the Commerce Point building. This meeting would be open to the public.

Planning Commission Report:

Mary Lou Ramon, filling in for Steve Barker, reported that there were two items on their agenda for November. One was an adult foster care in NPC 4 wanting a Special Use Permit and the other was for a neighborhood park requested by a citizen in NPC 3 that residents would install and maintain. It was also noted that the Planning Commission had met one week prior to this NPC's meeting owing to the holidays and that these matters had been approved on that level. The next step would be for both issues to go before the city commission at their first meeting in December.

City Staff Report:

Neighborhood Services:

Marcie Gillette commented on changes with data input at the city and would have reports to give at this council's January meeting. The parking faults in the pavement caused by Semco when they installed new gas lines a few years ago on 23rd Street were discussed. This had been reported to Semco and was being followed by the city. An address on Charles E was reported as vacant with garbage strewn that was not being picked up.

Old Business:

a. Woodland Park Report:

Gary Dodd, filling in for Joyce Garrett, relayed that the Keep Michigan Beautiful Award had been presented at a recent city commission meeting with Joyce Garrette and Jeff Hovarter speaking on behalf of the park and the committee.

New Business:

a. Appointment of Nominating Committee:

Chairman Koteles, with the council's approval, appointed Linda Patenaude and Joyce Garrett as the Nominating Committee for this year's election of officers.

b. Vote to Set the Meeting Schedule:

It was motioned by Mary Lou Ramon and seconded by Malinda Adams to set the meeting schedule for this council for the year 2011 to be the fourth Monday of the month from January through November, with no meeting in December. It was, also, pointed out at this time by the chair that no one had to attend any meeting. Mary Lou Ramon pointed out that it was imperative that this council hold monthly meetings

throughout the building season to hear any developers plans if we wanted to have our voice heard, including it's May meeting, owing to the fact that the Planning Commission, which we report to, met two days following this councils meetings every month and that they did not take May off unless there was nothing coming before them. It was, also, mentioned that if there was no quorum and a matter of concern to this council was on the Planning Commission's agenda, a phone poll of members could always be conducted as was done with the Meijer's situation when that came up when this council was off during the month of December.

Special Presentation:

Jeremy Andrews, Chairman of the Metropolitan Area Mustache Association, and J.J. Ramon, board member, spoke on behalf of this group which holds various fund raisers for local charities throughout the year, in particular the Leila Arboretum Society and Kingman Museum. One of their upcoming events will be Festivus 2011, a Cardboard Downhill Sled Race, Chili Cook off and Ugliest Sweater Contest which will be held on Saturday, February 5th from 11:00am - 4:00pm at the Museum grounds. The event is free and the public is invited to attend and/or participate.

Comments for the Good of the Order:

Public Comments: None.

Member Comments: None.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m..

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Koteles.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Lou Ramon
Acting Secretary NPC # 10

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**Contact Information For Members:**

Members are encouraged to call the following City Department's directly with any concerns that arise outside of the meetings. Neighborhood Services: 9663379. The Planning and Community Development department may be reached at 966-3320. For Code Compliance and building permit related issues call 966-3387 or 966-3348. Deputy Police Chief Jim Saylor may be reached directly at 966-3375 with any police concerns occurring outside of the meeting time.

Memo: Please call Chairman Koteles at 963-7096 or Membership Chair Mary Lou Ramon at 963-5101, or email the Mary Lou Ramon at hercules31@att.net, for an excused absence if you are unable to attend a meeting. No reason need be given to be excused.